of Mattancheri for want of sufficient number of water hydrants and sufficient quantity of water; if so, what have the Government done in the matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. Government are considering the question of laying a pipe line across the backwaters to Mattancheri.

Chowwara Head Works—pumping engines—particulars regarding.

305. Mr. P. C. Varkey.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the following particulars of the pumping engines purchased for use at the Chowwara Head works;

(a) the number of units purchased;

(b) their horse power and capacity;

(c) the years in which they were purchased;

(d) the cost of each unit;

(e) the number of years they were in use;

(f) the name of the Company from whom they were purchased;

(g) whether any of these were replaced; and if so, the reasons for replacement?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Six.

(b) (1) 2 (24/28 B. H. P.) driving well pumps capacity 35,000 gallons per hour.

(2) 2 (62½ H. P.) driving turbine pumps with a capacity of 42,000 gallons per hour.

(3) 1 (125 H. P.) driving a pump with a capacity of 42,000 gallons per hour.

(4) 1 (45 B. H. P.) capacity 25,000 gallons per hour.

(c) Items 1 and 2 were purchased in 1104.
Item 3 in 1108.
and Item 4 in 1925.

(d) 24/28 H. P. Engines Rs. 3,050 each. Well pump Rs. 9,000 each. 62.5 H. P. Engine Rs. 8,500. Turbine Pumps Rs. 3,500. 125 H. P. Engine complete with pump, etc., Rs. 11,900. 45 B. H. P. Engine Rs. 7,785 including erection.

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(e) Items 1 and 2 7 years.
„ 3 3 years.
„ 4 11 years.

(f) 1 and 2 Messrs. Best and Co., Ltd.
3 Messrs. Krupp India Trading Co.
4 Messrs. Marshall Sons and Co. (India Ltd.)

The pumps for all these were purchased from Messrs. Worthington Simpson, Limited.

(g) Item No. 4 was replaced with bigger engines as the demand for water increased and it was found insufficient to cope with the increased demand.

Supply of cement — Public Works Department.

306. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the names of suppliers of cement to the P. W. D. in 1110 and 1111 and the quantity supplied by each and the respective rates;

(b) whether tenders were invited;

(c) if so, the names of the tenderers with their rates?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Please vide statement appended. *(Appendix III.)* No purchase was made in 1111.

(b) No tenders were invited, but quotations were called for.

(c) Does not arise in view of the answer to (b).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are the present suppliers those who have given the lowest quotations?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I do not understand the meaning of 'present suppliers'. In all cases where purchase is made, it was through the lowest quotations received.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is there a rule that such and such cement should be purchased?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Additional equipments in Nemmara Hospital.

307. Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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